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Death Notices

Minjarez

Mario Minjarez, age 43, of Bronte, Texas, passed away on Sunday, December 31, 2023, at Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock.

He is survived by his wife of thirty years, Elisha Minjarez; son, Tristin Minjarez; daughter, Skyleigh Minjarez; daughter, Mia Minjarez and her significant other, Riley McIntire; son, Teegan Minjarez; mother, Elvia Minjarez; father, Daniel Casares; sisters, Cassandra Sutton and husband James, Marisa Sanchez and significant other Amanda Jimenez; grandchildren, Maverick Minjarez and Miles Minjarez; and the mother of his grandchildren, Hanna Whisenhunt. Mario also leaves behind numerous other loving family members and friends.

Friends are invited to pay their respects from 10 am to 8 pm on Friday, January 5, 2024, at Shaffer Funeral Home in Bronte. The family will be available from 5 pm to 8 pm. Funeral services will be held the following day at 10 am, Saturday, January 6, 2024, at Bronte Baptist Church, with Pastor Russ Frasier officiating. Burial and committal will immediately follow at Fairview Cemetery in Bronte.

Corley

Glenda Elu Corley, aged 87, of Bronte, Texas, passed away peacefully on Saturday, December 23, 2023.

She is survived by her loving and devoted husband of fifty-six years, Jack Corley; sons, Jason Corley, Justin Corley and wife Lisa McMahon; stepdaughter, Kristi Clerkin; grandchildren, Burt Corley, Jackson Corley, and William Bell.

A memorial service and celebration of life will be held 10:30 am, Saturday, January 13, 2024, at the Church of Christ in Bronte.

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Report shows farming and ranching is still a family business

A U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) report released late last year shows that farming and ranching remains a family business in the U.S.

USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) and Economic Research Service (ERS) issued the 2023 Farms and Ranches at a Glance Report.

"The America's Farms and Ranches at a Glance Report is from ERS and NASS, and it describes the characteristics of U.S. farms and ranches. They use data from the Agricultural Resource Management Survey, which is an annual survey of about 19,000 farms," Betty Resnick, American Farm Bureau Federation economist, said.

The most significant finding in the report is that the majority of all U.S. farms are family owned.

"One of the biggest findings is that farming continues to be a family business," Resnick said. "Ninety-seven percent of all U.S. farms are family-owned, and family farms account for 90% of all farm production by value. In addition, 88% of all farms are classified as small family farms."

USDA and NASS measure farm size by gross cash farm income (GCFI).

Farms with GCFI less than \$350,000 are classified as small family farms. Midsize family farms are farms with a GCFI between \$350,000 and \$999,999. Large-scale family farms are farms with GCFI of \$1 million or more.

The report shows small farms operate 46% of U.S. agricultural land in 2022.

Large-scale family farms



Conservation! Erin Oleksiuk from the Coke County Soil and Water Conservation District visited the Bronte Elementary Kindergarten class on December 6, 2023. She taught the students the importance of soil. They students also created a painting of some pretty cute worms.

accounted for 52% of the total value of production and 25% of agricultural land in 2022.

Midsize family farms accounted for 21% of agricultural land and 19% of the total value of production.

Resnick noted the report underscores the financial conditions for U.S. farms.

"It puts high-risk farms as those operating at under a 10% profit margin, and low-risk farms operate with over 25% profit margin," Resnick said. "It's important to note that every category of farms has at least a quarter of farms classified in that category as high risk, which is why the farm safety net provided by the farm bill is so critical to keeping our country's farms in business during volatile times. In addition, the survey does classify farms into small farms, mid-size, and large, and classifies them as both family-owned and non-family-owned."

Dreaming Big

By Laura Jenkins

"What the heck are you doing?"

The sharp sound of his girlfriend's voice jolted TJ Phillips awake. But the bigger shock came when he opened his eyes.

"I had my knee on her neck," says Phillips, shaking his head. "And I was going through the motions of putting flex cuffs on her. She laughed it off after I explained that I'd been dreaming about being on active

duty again. But I wasn't laughing. I knew I needed help."

Phillips, an Army sergeant who served 1991-99 and was honorably discharged, says he made an appointment with Veterans Affairs to address his post-traumatic stress disorder. But he felt like he was too young to be on all the medications they prescribed.

Instead, as many do, he turned to alcohol. And he eventually decided to live in his truck so he could save money. Ten years and five DWIs later,

he was in the Montgomery County jail, awaiting a trial that was certain to yield an extended prison sentence, when he got the news that his arresting officer had suddenly died. He was free to go.

"And that's when Miss Barbara took me in," he says after an emotional pause. "Now I'm safe. I'm sober. And everything I need to get healthy again is right here."

Barbara Lange gave Phillips, 54, the key to a tiny home at the Langetree Retreat and Eco

Area Churches

Invite You to Worship

Bronte

Bronte Church of Christ

PO Box 346
118 S. Jefferson • Bronte
Sun. 10 am & 6 pm, Wed. 7 pm

Central Baptist Church

324 S. Franklin • Bronte
(325) 473-4811
Dale Patterson, Pastor
Sun. 10 am Sunday School
11 am & 5 pm Worship

First Baptist Church

424 S. Washington • Bronte
(325) 473-2331
firstbronte@gmail.com
Pastor George Cooper

Sunday 9:45 am Sunday School,
10:30 am Worship

Wednesday 6 pm - 8 pm
Children and Youth

Bronte Methodist Church

Corner of Washington & Holmes
Bronte • (325) 650-4836
Pastor Keith Fletcher

Sun. 10:00 am Sunday School

11:00 am Worship

St. James Catholic Church

215 N. Washington, Bronte

(325) 365-2687

Rev. Timothy Hayter, Pastor

Sunday Bilingual Mass 8 am

4C Cowboy Church

Drawer R • Bronte • (325) 895-4080

Robert Lemmond, Pastor

Sunday, 10:30 am - Texas Theater

Wednesday Bible Study 6 pm -

4C Feedlot Youth Building

Coke County

Pecan Baptist

PO Box 542 • 12 miles West of

Robert Lee on Sterling City Hwy

(325) 453-2065, Bill Hood, Pastor

www.pecanbaptistchurchrl.com

Sun. 10 am, Sunday School

11 am & 7 pm, Worship

8 am, Sunday School

11 am, Sunday School

Wed. 6:30 pm, Prayer Meeting

Victory Assembly of God

(325) 453-2208, PO Box 638

202 E. 6th Street, Robert Lee

Rev. Rocky Youngblood, Pastor

Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School

10:45 am & 6 pm, Worship

Wed. 6 pm, Bible Study

Robert Lee

Bible Baptist Church

PO Box 938 • 9th & Austin
Sunday 10 am Sunday School,
11 am and 5 pm Worship,

Wed 5 pm Bible Study

Emmanuel Pentecostal

PO Box 794 • 1004 Hillcrest
Pastor Brantly Robertson
(972) 841-2009

Sundays 10 am, Wednesdays 7 pm

First Methodist Church

PO Box 144 • 9th & Chadbourne
Pastor Gary Karschner
Robert Lee • (325) 453-2417

Sun. 11 am Worship,

Iglesia Bautista Betel

101 Houston • Robert Lee

Sun. 9:45 am • Sunday School

11 am Service • Bible Study Wed. 6 pm

Southside Church of Christ

PO Box 698 • 8th & Houston

Robert Lee (325) 453-2176

Sun. 10 am, Sunday School

11 am Worship

Wed. 6 pm, Worship

Northside Church of Christ

PO Box 508

9th & Chadbourne • Robert Lee

(325) 453-2685, (325) 763-2118

or (325) 473-1053

Services: Sun. 10 am

Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church

601 W. 10th, Robert Lee

(325) 365-2687

Rev. Timothy Hayter, Pastor

Saturday Vigil Mass 6 pm

Robert Lee Baptist Church

PO Box 493 • 22 W. 11th

(325) 453-2724

Chris Walls, Pastor

Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School

11 am Worship

Wed. 6:30 pm, Prayer Meeting

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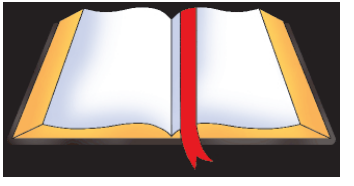
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